



A+ SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST STUDY OUTLINE 2016-17

GRADES 5-6

Contest Topics:

United States (approx. 60% of test)

- The Civil War
 - Causes and effects
 - Reconstruction
 - Key events and battles
 - Important historical figures
 - Primary sources
(approximately 8 questions each test)
- Concepts in History and Economics
 - Changes resulting from the growth of industry and mechanization of agriculture
 - Effects of supply and demand on business, industry and agriculture
 - The plantation system
- Concepts in Citizenship
 - Importance of individual participation in the democratic process
 - Current leaders in national government

World (25-30% of test)

- Concepts in Geography
 - Influence of geographic factors in economic development
 - Locations of renewable and nonrenewable natural resources
- Concepts in Economics
 - Economic influences of factors of production
- Concepts in Culture
 - Factors that influence cultural change

Texas (10-15% of test)

- Concepts in History
 - Impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction on Texas
- Concepts in Citizenship
 - Texas symbols and landmarks
 - Origins and significance of state celebrations

Primary Sources

The sources listed are available online from numerous sources. Refer to the links under Recommended Resources.

- **Constitution of the Confederate States of America (compare and contrast with the U.S. Constitution)**
- **The Gettysburg Address**
- **The Emancipation Proclamation**
- **The 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution**

Recommended Resources

- Your classroom textbook
- The Library of Congress
www.loc.gov/teachers
- The National Archives
www.archives.gov/education
- The Civil War Trust
www.civilwar.org
- History.com
www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war
- Digital History
www.digitalhistory.uh.edu
- Social Studies for Kids
www.socialstudiesforkids.com
- Teacher Oz's Kingdom of History
www.teacheroz.com/toc.htm